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UM LAW SCHOOL TEAM PLACES SECOND IN CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION MISSOULA --

A University of Montana Law School team placed second in the Region 12 Client Counseling Competition held Feb. 27-28 in Edmonton, Alberta, and sponsored by the Law Students Division of the American Bar Association.

Second-year UM law students Gail Hammer of **Sidney** and Nancy Ivarinen of **White Bear Lake, Minn.**, were defeated in the fourth and final round of the regional competition by a team from Willamette University. The Willamette team will advance to the national competition, to be held March 27-28 at the University of Toronto in Ontario.

The regional competition, which is intended to hone a student's skills in office interviewing, also drew teams from Gonzaga University, the University of Puget Sound, the University of Washington, Lewis and Clark College, the University of Oregon, the University of Calgary, the University of Saskatchewan, the University of British Columbia and the University of Alberta at Edmonton.

In this year's event, teams had 40 minutes to interview a client in a hypothetical case involving children and the law. The students were judged by a three-member panel of lawyers and

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counselors on their skill in developing a rapport with a client and applying their knowledge of the law to solving his or her problem.

The UM team was coached by Wally Congdon, a Missoula lawyer and UM Law School graduate, and Scott Burnham, an associate professor of law at the University.

Burnham says all UM Law School students are trained in interviewing skills. Twenty-four of them competed in mid-February in UM's internal client-counseling competition, which was won by Hammer and Ivarinen.

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